

REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner raised an objection to the specification with respect to the incorporation by reference of certain patent documents that are not U.S. patents or allowed applications and rejected claims 1-7 while allowing claims 8-14.

In response to the points raised in the Action, applicants initially note that purpose of the cited documents was to identify various polymers, catalysts and methods that are well known in the art. In this respect, it will be recognized that many of the cited documents were published in the early 1990's which is around ten years prior to the effective filing date of the present application. Moreover, as shown by the polymers used in the Examples of the present application, polymers which may be used in the present application are commercially available. Accordingly, while applicants are willing to add any portion of the published versions of the cited applications, applicants do not believe that the information incorporated by reference is essential material as set forth in MPEP §608.01(p), particularly in view of the claims now of record which only relate to a method of fastening cargo, claims 1-7 relating to a defined film having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present Amendment.¹

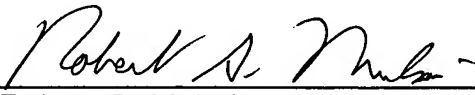
Since all matters raised in the Official Action are believed to be fully met by the instant response, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

¹ The specification has been amended to correct the identification of certain documents as patents which is evident from the numbers of the documents and the description provided on page 11.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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